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LAREE is in the swim. Her street car men have gone out on a strike.

THE Corpus Christi Caller man has a wonderful memory for snake stories about the lower Rio Grande.

Poor old San Antonio has fallen into the hands of a gang of crooks. Surely Tamaleville is long suffering.

WANTED: Some reliable person to give us the gist of President Harrison's message in a few words as possible.

GOVERNOR Hogg has taken to the woods to escape petitioners and prepare his message amidst sylvan peace and beauty.

GARZA has been run out of the country, but his memory still haunts the cactus region where he was wont to gambol.

MR. HARRISON doesn't believe in backsliding. He winds up his message with this remark: "Retrospection would be a crime."

THE Corpus Christi Caller with great magnanimity remarks that Brownsville is the Los Angeles of Texas and Corpus Christi the New York.

GALVESTON NEWS: Dudley Wooten led Governor Hogg by over 50,000 votes, and everybody in Texas knew that Wooten was a Clark man.

THE Corpus Christi Caller says: "The table of President Diaz is supplied with oysters from Corpus Christi bay and shipped from Corpus Christi."

It seems that Lieut. Langhorne has been sent out on another wild goose chase. A lot of drunken fellows fired at some Mexican troops, and this started the Garza scare again.

A "LIBERAL synopsis" of the president's message fills about eight columns nonpareil. No wonder the members of congress were bored by a reading of the original document.

THE House is always remarkably prompt at showing respect to the memory of deceased members. They adjourn with great alacrity as soon as the death of one of their number is announced.

THERE is lots of talk about Jay Gould getting only six feet of earth despite his riches, when the fact is the rich man's body was not placed in the earth at all, but rests in a very handsome mausoleum.

THE Boston merchants have tackled the immigration question and among other recommendations on the subject, declare that the consuls should by personal examination satisfy themselves that the emigrants can read and write their own language. This will necessitate all consuls being accomplished linguists.

## A RAILROAD.

Rambler, in his communication today, makes some practical suggestions to the people of Brownsville regarding the construction of a railroad up the Rio Grande valley. There are many reasons for making such a road of great importance not only to Brownsville, but to the entire state. A good railroad along the frontier would be of great advantage in case of border troubles for the rapid transportation of troops and supplies. But the importance of such a road is readily recognized. The feasibility of carrying out the plan is the thing to be discussed. As our correspondent says, the citizens of Brownsville have offered \$125,000 as a bonus for a road. Why not form a stock company and build it ourselves, and keep the money at home. These railroad magnates demand enough bonuses to build a road, and pocket all the profits. A united effort on the part of the men who have subscribed the above amount will build the road. Let them solicit a bonus from every person to be benefited by the road. As suggested, by one of our most prominent ranch owners, Mr. Frank Rabb, the people along the route would gladly cut and haul sufficient mesquite ties for the entire road. The people of all the river towns and counties along the road will donate a big bonus to the enterprise. The amount in stock will, as Rambler says, build twenty miles of road and enough money can be raised on this to build the next twenty miles, etc., with various bonuses collected en route sufficient to pay all indebtedness when completed, and leave our stock company sole owners of one of the most important railroads in the state. Let our business men "coddle these facts."

THE Philadelphia Ledger building was burned on the morning of the 6th instant. The files of the paper were saved. The building was not completely destroyed. The noted man who owns the paper Mr. George W. Childs, stood coolly by watching the fire, provided a bountiful meal for the firemen, and liberally rewarded them for their efforts. The Ledger did not miss an issue, but came out on time the use of every press in the city being tendered Mr. Childs.

IT seems that all of Jay Gould's millions are to be divided among his children, not one cent going to any charitable institution. He was willing to let his fame rest upon the fact that he had amassed the millions. A Gould library or charitable institution would have been but a fitting return to the people out of whose needs his fortunes grew.

A bill has been introduced in the House by Representative Harter, of Ohio, providing that on and after Feb. 1, 1893, a uniform tariff tax or customs duty of one-half a cent per pound be levied on all grades of sugar imported into the United States and that all sugar bounties shall cease after that date.

It is reported that Cleveland has engaged Billy Muldoon, the wrestler, to give him boxing lessons, in order to reduce his flesh. After the way Grover knocked out the g. c. p. in third round, we should think he doesn't require much training.

## RAMBLER ON THE NEEDS

Of Brownsville—What Brownsville Needs And Must Have.

To the EDITOR HERALD.

Deep water at Brazos de Santiago, irrigation and a railroad—these are the three great needs of Brownsville.

The first has taken an impetus in the right direction, and is in good hands who will put it to a speedy realization.

We have a gentleman in our midst who offers us irrigation on the plan of no cure, no pay. He does not ask for one cent of money or remuneration, until the work is accomplished and then will take his pay in lands. What a golden opportunity to secure a boon that will make the Rio Grande valley one of the greatest producing countries that ever the sun shone on. Every one should hail the glad tidings and go and sign one of Lieut. Chatfield's provisional contracts at once.

Third and last, but not least, is the railroad. With deep water on our bar, we need not beg the Aransas Pass railway company, or the Pan-American company to come to us, but let us have a railroad up along the Rio Grande. Then we shall regain our lost trade with Northern Mexico, which geographically speaking, belongs to us. Now, instead of begging on bended knee for some one to build us a road, let us build one ourselves, with the notes amounting to \$125,000 which were signed by our best citizens to be given away as a bonus. Let us renew the notes, or convert them into so much stock, payable in installments, as the progress of the work may require. With this amount we can build twenty miles of first class standard gauge road, with one locomotive and six cars as rolling stock, for construction purposes. Then let us mortgage that portion and build on, and mortgage and build on. But some one may say: "What kind of a Baron Munchausen scheme is this? Who will advance money on twenty miles of road, blooming all alone in the chaparrals on the lower Rio Grande?" You find only too many who will want to invest and even buy it out and let it remain blooming alone—as the road our neighbors over the river have, for example. When railroad magnates notice a road building, no matter how small, they watch it with an aversive eye and begin to calculate, "can it do me any harm or how will it effect my neighbor?" and in order to get an interest in it they are always ready to advance money, thinking that later on they may get such a hold as to map the road for their own aggrandizement or to the detriment of their neighbor.

Now let our good people give this important matter a cool and calm consideration, and not pass it by as some flippant idea or burst of imagination. I am confident that one half the exertion that was made in begging the Pan-American company to build us a road will start this road in good style. There are many capitalists in our midst who did not want a road to connect with the great railroad systems from the north, saying it would conflict with their business interests, but would join hands with us to build westward. Now, let us do it with our own people. We have an abundance of labor both skilled and unskilled in our midst. I will bet my spurs that our energetic city engineer will run the line and give us the grade stakes for the first twenty miles, and take it all out in stock. Let us put some of our dormant capital into circulation, give work to our poor people, instill new life into this frontier. All the money spent on labor for grading and in cross ties will revert to the people in this city. It will only be putting the money into circulation to return with a large interest written in capital letters of gold.

RAMBLER.

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